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# ENERGY STAR® Partnership Agreement

## For Home Energy Raters

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### RATER TYPES

If your organization is a Rating Provider, select your Provider type(s):

- ☐ **Accredited HERS Provider**
- ☐ **Accredited BOP Provider**

OR

If your organization is a Rater/Inspector, select your Rater type(s):

- ☐ **Certified HERS Rater**
- ☐ **Certified BOP Inspector**

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### ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Please provide your organization's physical address. If you have a different mailing address, enter it when adding contacts on page 2.

Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Primary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ FAX Number: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Web Site URL: http://\_\_\_\_\_

**Display your organization on the ENERGY STAR Web site's New Homes Partner Locator?:** ☐ YES ☐ NO

If you selected YES, our Web site will display your organization using service area information you provide. A service area can be a metro area, region, and/or state. If no service area is listed below, we will default to the state where your organization resides and use your organization's phone.

Service Area Name: \_\_\_\_\_ States: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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### ACCREDITED RATING PROVIDER (for Raters and Inspectors *only*)

All Raters/Inspectors must be associated with an Accredited Provider. If you checked "Certified HERS Rater" and/or "Certified BOP Inspector" above, please provide as much information as possible for your Accredited Rating Provider.

Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Primary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ FAX Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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### CONTACTS

Please provide the name, contact information, and mailing address of at least one contact person. At least one person must be designated as a "Primary Contact". Contact information for the Authorized Company Representative or "Signatory" who signs this Partnership Agreement must be included here. The Signatory can be the same as the Primary Contact.

1. Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Primary Contact  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Role in Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Use organization address as contact address Primary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ ext: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Secondary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ ext: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Home ☐ Work ☐ Mobile  
Email Address: (required for access to ENERGY STAR Partner-only resources): \_\_\_\_\_

2. Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Primary Contact  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Role in Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Use organization address as contact address Primary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ ext: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX Number: \_\_\_\_\_ ext: \_\_\_\_\_  
Secondary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Home ☐ Work ☐ Mobile  
Email Address: (required for access to ENERGY STAR Partner-only resources): \_\_\_\_\_

3. Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Primary Contact  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Role in Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
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City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Home ☐ Work ☐ Mobile  
Email Address: (required for access to ENERGY STAR Partner-only resources): \_\_\_\_\_

**Authorized Company Representative:** This Partnership Agreement represents a binding agreement by the submitting organization. Signing below indicates that you have read and understand the terms of this Partnership Agreement and are authorized to bind this organization to the terms of this Partnership Agreement.

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### To be Completed by US EPA

Kathleen Hogan: Director, Climate Protection Partnerships Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail this form to:** ENERGY STAR for Homes  
US EPA (mail code 6202J)  
1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW  
Washington DC, 20460

**or**

**Fax this form to:** 202-343-2200

For more information contact us at [homes@energystar.gov](mailto:homes@energystar.gov) or visit: [www.energystar.gov/homes](http://www.energystar.gov/homes)

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## For Home Energy Raters (Supporting Information)



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### ENERGY STAR Background Information

EPA's **ENERGY STAR** helps consumers, businesses, and public organizations protect the environment through superior energy efficiency. **ENERGY STAR for Homes** promotes energy-efficient homes that can improve builder profitability, improve home quality and homeowner comfort, lower energy demand, and reduce air pollution. ENERGY STAR qualified homes are third-party verified to be significantly more energy efficient than homes built to code.\* Savings are typically achieved through a combination of envelope upgrades, high performance windows, controlled air infiltration, upgraded heating and air conditioning systems, tight duct systems, upgraded water-heating equipment, and efficient lighting and appliances.

\* Please visit the ENERGY STAR Web site at [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov) for information on current ENERGY STAR guidelines.

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### ENERGY STAR's Commitments to Partners

1. Increase awareness of the ENERGY STAR label by distributing key messages on the benefits of ENERGY STAR qualified homes and homes-related products.
2. Provide current ENERGY STAR news, information, and reference documents (via the ENERGY STAR Web site, Hotline, e-mail or other means).
3. Provide ENERGY STAR Partners with public recognition for their involvement in ENERGY STAR and role in protecting the environment through the online ENERGY STAR Partner Locator Tool, special awards, and other media.
4. Respond swiftly to any Partner requests for information or clarification on ENERGY STAR policies.

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### General Commitments for ENERGY STAR Partners

1. Use the Partnership and the ENERGY STAR label to promote energy efficiency as an easy and desirable option for new homebuyers to prevent pollution, protect the environment, and save money on energy bills.
2. Adhere to the *ENERGY STAR Identity Guidelines* (available at [www.energystar.gov/marks](http://www.energystar.gov/marks)) and ensure that authorized representatives, such as advertising agencies, distributors, and subcontractors, also comply.
3. Adhere to the *ENERGY STAR Web Linking Guidelines* (available at [www.energystar.gov/partners](http://www.energystar.gov/partners)). Failure to do so can result in the loss of linking privileges from the ENERGY STAR Web site.
4. Build or label at least one ENERGY STAR qualified home within any ongoing 12-month period. Partners not fulfilling this requirement will be deemed 'inactive,' thereby forfeiting all rights to the ENERGY STAR name and mark, their listing on the online ENERGY STAR Partner Locator Tool, and any inclusion in ENERGY STAR promotional materials.
5. Affix an ENERGY STAR label to all homes that are independently verified to meet the ENERGY STAR performance guidelines.

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### Commitments for Home Energy Raters

1. ACCREDITED HERS or BOP PROVIDERS: Submit quarterly reports to ENERGY STAR, specifying the number of homes verified as meeting ENERGY STAR performance guidelines.

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### General Terms and Disclaimers

1. The Partner will not construe, claim, or imply that its participation in ENERGY STAR constitutes federal government approval, acceptance, or endorsement of anything other than the Partner's commitment to ENERGY STAR. Partnership does not constitute federal government endorsement of the Partner or its homes or services.
  2. The Partner understands that the activities it undertakes in connection with ENERGY STAR are voluntary and not intended to provide services to the federal government. As such, the Partner will not submit a claim for compensation to any federal agency.
  3. The Partner and ENERGY STAR will assume good faith as a general principle for resolving conflict and will seek to resolve all matters informally, so as to preserve maximum public confidence in ENERGY STAR.
  4. This agreement is voluntary and can be terminated by either party at any time for any reason, with no penalty.
  5. Failure to comply with any of the terms of this Partnership Agreement can result in its termination and cessation of access to the benefits of ENERGY STAR, including use of the marks.
  6. ENERGY STAR will actively pursue resolution of noncompliance related to the use of the ENERGY STAR marks.
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